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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MACHCHA et al.

Serial No.: 09/727,839

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Atty. Docket No.: Q00-1017-US1

For: "FLOW MODIFICATION FOR

REDUCING TRACK

MISREGISTRATION IN HARD

DISK DRIVES"

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: Watko, Julie Anne

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 16, 2004

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This is a reply to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee.

Please note that the Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Please also note that the Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.